

## **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

### **INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**Hearing Date:** November 15, 2003

**Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations:** Continuing Education Training Requirements

**Section Affected:** 1397.61

**Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:**

This proposed amendment would:

Adopt new subsection (c) which would establish criteria, mandated by SB 564, Chapter 481, Statutes of 2002, to require all licensees renewing their license after January 1, 2004 to take a course in spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention strategies, including community resources, cultural factors, and same gender abuse dynamics. Such course shall be no less than one (1) hour in length and shall be taken within two (2) years prior to the licensee's renewal date. This is a one-time only continuing education requirement.

Adopt new subsection (d) which would establish criteria, mandated by SB 953, Chapter 541, Statutes of 2002, to require all licensees renewing their license after January 1, 2005 to take a course in the biological, social, and psychological aspects of aging and long-term care. Such course shall be no less than three (3) hours in length and shall be taken within the two years prior to the licensee's renewal date. This is a one-time only continuing education requirement.

Amend current subsection (c) to delete the phrase "acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)" and add "HIV disease, and issues of human diversity." By making this change it would no longer be referring to the final diagnosis of AIDS, rather the virus that causes AIDS.

Re-letter current subsection (c) to subsection (e); delete the current subsections (d), (e), and (f) as they become inoperative effective December 31, 2003 and re-letter current subsection (g) to subsection (f) and subsection (h) to subsection (g).

**Factual Basis/Rationale**

Current board regulation 1397.61 sets forth the requirements for continuing education courses required before a licensee can renew his or her license. This proposed amendment would make specific new continuing education requirements pursuant to legislative mandate.

**Underlying Data**

SB 564 (Attachment A)

SB 953 (Attachment B)

**Business Impact**

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

**Specific Technologies or Equipment**

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

**Consideration of Alternatives**

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.